

# **Kirby L. Gray letters**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Carson, Julia
<b>Creator</b>	Lugar, Richard
<b>Title</b>	Kirby L. Gray letters
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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S601

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## Biographical Note

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Julia May Carson was born Julia May Porter to a single mother, Velma V. Porter, in Louisville, Kentucky on July 8, 1938. Her family later moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where her mother worked as a domestic worker. Carson graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in 1955. Soon after, she married, had two children, and swiftly divorced. Carson attended college at Martin University and Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. In 1965, she was hired by Congressman Andy Jacobs to do casework in his Indianapolis office. Carson served as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives (1972-1976) and Indiana State Senate (1976-1990). She then held the position of Center Township trustee of Marion County from 1990 to 1996. Finally, Carson became the first African American and woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Indianapolis, Indiana beginning January 3, 1997, an office she held until her death, caused by lung cancer, on December 15, 2007 in Indianapolis.

Richard Green Lugar was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 4, 1932. He attended public schools in Indiana before graduating from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 1954. Lugar then attended Pembroke College in Oxford, England as Rhodes Scholar, receiving a graduate degree in 1956. He married Charlene Smeltzer on September 8, 1956 and had four sons. Lugar went into business largely concerning the manufacturing of food production equipment, livesock and grain operations, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy (1957-1960). He then entered the political arena, serving as a member of the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners (1964-1967), the mayor of Indianapolis (1968-1975), U.S. Senate (1977-2013). After the end of his senatorial career, Lugar established The Lugar Center in Washington, D.C., a nonprofit public policy institution.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes two letters sent to Kirby L. Gray in Indianapolis, Indiana from Indiana politicians in U.S. Congress, Congresswoman Julia Carson and Senator Richard G. Lugar in Washington, D.C. ranging from 2001 to 2005 regarding child support and renewable energy and environmental conservation, specifically concerning Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Indiana. General Assembly. House of Representatives.
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- United States. Congress. House of Representatives.
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### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Indiana--Politics and government--21st century
- Indianapolis (Ind.)

### **Subject(s)**

- African American politicians
- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century
- Indianapolis (Ind.) Mayor
- Politicians--21st century
- Politicians--Indiana
- Politicians--United States--20th century
- Women politicians